

Amendments to the Claims/Listing of Claims

1. (Original) A patient support comprising:
a frame;
a mattress supported by the frame;
a barrier positioned to block egress of a patient from the mattress, the barrier including a recess; and
a controller positioned to slide along the barrier, the controller being positioned in the recess.
2. (Original) The patient support of claim 1, wherein the barrier includes a convex surface and the controller includes a concave surface positioned adjacent to the convex surface of the barrier.
3. (Original) The patient support of claim 1, wherein the controller is indexed to inhibit improper placement of the controller in the recess.
4. (Original) The patient support of claim 1, wherein the controller is removably coupled to the barrier.
5. (Original) The patient support of claim 4, wherein the controller includes a housing and a retainer coupled to the housing to removably couple the housing to the barrier.
6. (Original) A patient support comprising:
a frame;
a mattress supported by the frame;
a barrier positioned to block egress of a patient from the mattress, the barrier including an interior surface defining an opening; and
a controller positioned to slide along the interior surface.
7. (Original) The patient support of claim 6, wherein the controller is removably coupled to the barrier.
8. (Original) The patient support of claim 6, wherein the interior surface is convex and the controller includes an upper surface that is concave to complement the interior surface of the barrier.
9. (Original) The patient support of claim 6, wherein the controller includes a housing and a retainer configured to couple the housing to the barrier.
10. (Original) A patient support comprising:
a frame;
a mattress supported by the frame, the mattress having a first side and a

second side transversely spaced-apart from the first side;

a first barrier positioned to block egress of a patient from the first side of the mattress, the first barrier including a first opening formed therein; and

a controller configured to be removably received in the first opening of the first barrier.

11. (Original) The patient support of claim 10, wherein the controller is configured to move along the first barrier when received in the first opening.

12. (Original) The patient support of claim 10, further comprising a second barrier positioned to block egress of a patient from the second side of the mattress, the second barrier including a second opening formed therein to receive the controller.

13. (Original) The patient support of claim 11, wherein the controller is configured to move along the second barrier when received in the second opening.

14. (Original) The patient support of claim 12, wherein the controller is slidably coupled to the first and second barriers when received in either of the first and second openings.

15. (Original) The patient support of claim 10, wherein the controller includes a housing and a retainer configured to couple the housing to the first barrier.

16. (Currently Amended) A patient support comprising:

a frame;

a mattress supported by the frame;

a barrier positioned to block egress of a patient from the mattress; and

a controller including a housing and a flexible portion configured to couple the controller to the barrier, the housing and the flexible portion being affixed together.

17. (Original) The patient support of claim 16, wherein the flexible portion is positioned substantially around a portion of the barrier.

18. (Original) The patient support of claim 16, wherein the controller is removably coupled to the barrier.

19. (Original) The patient support of claim 16, wherein the bladder includes an opening and the controller is positioned in the opening.

20. (Original) The patient support of claim 16, wherein the housing includes first and second portions and the flexible portion couples the first and second portions together.

21. (Previously Presented) The patient support of claim 18, wherein the upper surface is convex and the controller includes an upper surface that is concave to

complement the upper surface of the barrier.

22. (Original) The patient support of claim 18, wherein the controller includes a housing and a retainer configured to couple the housing to the barrier.

23. (Original) A patient support comprising:

a frame;

a mattress supported by the frame, the mattress having a first side and a second side transversely spaced-apart from the first side;

a first barrier positioned to block egress of a patient from the first side of the mattress, the first barrier including a first opening formed therein;

a second barrier positioned to block egress of a patient from the second side of the mattress, the second barrier including a second opening formed therein; and

a controller configured to be removably received in the first opening of the first barrier and removably received in the second opening of the second barrier.

24. (Original) The patient support of claim 23, wherein the controller is configured to move along the first barrier when received in the first opening.

25. (Original) The patient support of claim 24, wherein the controller is configured to move along the second barrier when received in the second opening.

26. (Previously Presented) The patient support of claim 25, wherein the controller is slidably coupled to the first and second barriers when received in either of the first and second openings.

27. (Original) The patient support of claim 23, wherein the controller includes a housing and a retainer configured to couple the housing to the first and second barriers.

28. (Previously Presented) A patient support comprising:

a frame;

a mattress supported by the frame;

a barrier positioned to block egress of a patient from the mattress, the barrier including upper and lower spaced-apart rails, each rail including a top surface and a bottom surface; and

a controller removably coupled between the upper and lower rails, the controller including a portion configured to engage the bottom surface of the upper rail.

29. (Currently Amended) A patient support comprising:

a frame;

a mattress supported by the frame;

a barrier positioned to block egress of a patient from the mattress, the barrier

including upper and lower spaced-apart rails, each rail including a top surface and a bottom surface; and

a controller positioned ~~between~~ directly under the upper and lower rails, the controller including a housing and a flexible portion configured to contact the upper rail.

30. (Previously Presented) A patient support comprising:

- a frame;
- a mattress supported by the frame;
- a barrier positioned to block egress of a patient from the mattress, the barrier including a recess; and
- a controller configured to be received in the recess, the controller pivoting into the recess.

31. (New) The patient support of claim 1, wherein a portion of the barrier including the recess is rigid.

32. (New) The patient support of claim 1, wherein an open end of the recess faces the mattress.

33. (New) The patient support of claim 1, wherein the controller moves relative to the recess along a longitudinal axis of the barrier during sliding.

34. (New) The patient support of claim 6, wherein a portion of the barrier including the interior surface is rigid.

35. (New) The patient support of claim 6, wherein an open end of the opening faces the mattress.

36. (New) The patient support of claim 6, wherein the controller slides along the interior surface in a longitudinal direction.

37. (New) The patient support of claim 10, wherein the controller is positioned directly under a portion of the barrier when received in the first opening.

38. (New) The patient support of claim 12, wherein portions of the first and second barriers defining the first and second openings are rigid.

39. (New) The patient support of claim 16, wherein the flexible portion is permanently coupled to the housing.

40. (New) The patient support of claim 23, wherein portions of the first and second barriers defining the first and second openings are rigid.

41. (New) The patient support of claim 23, wherein the controller is positioned directly under a portion of the first barrier defining the first opening.

42. (New) The patient support of claim 23, wherein the first and second openings

have open ends that face each other.

43. (New) The patient support of claim 28, wherein the controller includes a second portion configured to engage the top surface of the upper rail.

44. (New) The patient support of claim 28, wherein the controller includes a housing and a flexible portion configured to contact the upper rail.

45. (New) The patient support of claim 30, wherein the controller is pivotally coupled to the barrier.

46. (New) The patient support of claim 30, wherein the controller pivots downwardly into the recess.

47. (New) The patient support of claim 30, wherein the barrier includes upper and lower spaced-apart rails and the controller is coupled to the upper rail.

48. (New) A patient support comprising:

a frame;

a mattress supported by the frame;

a barrier positioned to block egress of a patient from the mattress, the barrier including a recess and defining a first longitudinal axis; and

a controller positionable in the recess at different positions along the first longitudinal axis.

49. (New) The patient support of claim 48, wherein the barrier includes upper and lower spaced-apart rails.

50. (New) The patient support of claim 49, wherein the controller is positioned directly under the upper rail.

51. (New) The patient support of claim 48, wherein the patient support includes a second barrier positioned to block egress of the patient from the mattress, the second barrier defining a recess and longitudinal axis, the controller is positionable in the recess of the second barrier at different positions along the longitudinal axis of the second barrier.